

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to supervision of pharmacist-interns and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Pharmacy Board hereby proposes to amend Chapter 4, “Pharmacist-Interns,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 155A.6.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed amendment removes the limitation of a pharmacist to supervise no more than two pharmacist-interns concurrently.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs can be determined. It is presumed that pharmacist-interns may have greater opportunity to seek employment in Iowa pharmacies that would no longer be limited to two pharmacist-interns concurrently, but the extent of that opportunity cannot be determined.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend rule 657—4.9(155A) as follows:

657—4.9(155A) Preceptor requirements.

4.9(1) and 4.9(2) No change.

~~**4.9(3) Number of interns.** A preceptor may supervise no more than two pharmacist interns concurrently.~~

~~**4.9(4)**~~ **4.9(3) Responsibility.** A preceptor shall be responsible for all functions performed by a pharmacist-intern.